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NPIC/PEG (1/83)Copy 63**TANK BATTALION  
LA LAGUNA ARMOR DEPLOYMENT AREA, NICARAGUA**

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: THE TANK BATTALION AT THIS DEPLOYMENT AREA HAS REACHED FULL STRENGTH.
2. (SWN) REMARKS: TWENTY-TWO T-54/55 TANKS ARE AT LA LAGUNA ARMOR DEPLOYMENT AREA DISPERSED IN THREE TANK COMPANY AREAS. SEVEN TANKS ARE IN TWO OF THE COMPANY AREAS AND EIGHT TANKS ARE IN THE THIRD COMPANY AREA. THE NUMBER OF TANKS BRINGS THE BATTALION TO ITS FULL STRENGTH WITH SEVEN TANKS PER COMPANY AND ONE TANK FOR THE BATTALION COMMANDER. THIS PATTERN OF TWENTY-TWO TANKS IS THE STANDARD FOR A CUBAN TANK BATTALION AND IS THE SAME PATTERN THAT WAS ESTABLISHED AT EL TEMPISQUE MIL BARRACKS A HEADQUARTERS [REDACTED] WHICH HOUSED NICARAGUA'S FIRST TANK BATTALION.

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(SWN) NINETEEN TANKS WERE AT LA LAGUNA [REDACTED] AND ACTIVITY LEVELS HAVE INCREASED SINCE THAT DATE. FIVE SUPPORT TRUCKS FROM THE SUPPORT AREA HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO THE TANK COMPANY AREAS (TWO TRUCKS EACH IN TWO OF THE COMPANY AREAS AND ONE TRUCK IN THE THIRD COMPANY AREA). TWO TANKS HAVE BEEN PULLED OUT OF REVETMENTS FOR TRAINING OR MAINTENANCE.

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(SWN) SEVEN T-54/55 TANKS WERE FIRST OBSERVED AT LA LAGUNA ON [REDACTED] AND ELEMENTS OF A BATTALION WERE IDENTIFIED HERE ON 5 DECEMBER 1982. LA LAGUNA IS 12 NM SOUTH OF THE NICARAGUA-HONDURAS BORDER AND 12 NM NORTHEAST OF CHINANDEGA.

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 12-47-10N 087-00-27W

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